

FULL BOARD MEETING AGENDA
of the
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS
301 S. Park Ave., 4th Floor Large Conference Room, Helena MT
10:24 a.m. to 2:58 p.m.
September 15, 2022

1. Call To Order - Establish Quorum - Introduction of Board & Staff Members Present (0:00:02)

Board Members Present:

Ron Drake
Wally Gladstone
Pat Goodover
Troy Jensen
Byron Stahly
Tom Pankratz

Board Members Absent:

Ruhul Amin
Ray Gross

Staff Members Present:

Sam Hunthausen, Executive Officer II
Michele Peterson-Cook, Agency Counsel
Jay Unsworth, Executive Officer I

2. Approval and Tentative Modification of Agenda Order (0:01:06)

3. Public Opportunity to Comment (0:01:54)

The presiding officer read the statement. No public present gave comment. Executive Officer referred to written comment about licensure exemptions from Stu Walesch in board book.

4. Board Action

a. Non-routine Comity Applications

i. John WeHunt, PEL-PE-APP-75072 (tabled) (0:03:11)

MOTION: (0:03:30) Byron Stahly moved to un-table the application. Troy Jensen seconded. The motion passed.

MOTION: (13:37) Bryson Stahly moved to approve the application. Tom Pankratz seconded. The motion carried.

ii. Arash Sadeghipour, PEL-PE-APP-76226 (1:29:14)

MOTION: (1:34:16) Bryon Stahly moved to approve the application. Tom Pankratz seconded. The motion carried.

iii. John Stearns, PEL-LS-APP-75790 (1:36:24)

MOTION: (1:38:02) Troy Jensen moved to approve the applicant to sit for the Montana state Specific land surveyor exam. Wally Gladstone seconded. The motion carried.

iv. Olga Delgado De Hopper, PEL-PE-APP-75038 (1:39:48)

MOTION: (1:44:52) Byron Stahly moved to approve the application. Wally Gladstone seconded. The motion carried.

v. Andrew Moore, PEL-PE-APP-80864 (1:45:44)

MOTION: (1:57:26) Byron Stahly moved to approve the application. Wally Gladstone seconded. The motion carried.

vi. Chad Walsh, PEL-LS-APP-76112 (1:58:20)

MOTION: (1:59:25) Troy Jensen moved to approve the applicant to sit for the Montana state-specific land surveyor exam. Byron Stahly seconded. The motion carried.

vii. Barovsky, Douglas, PEL-PE-APP-82211 **(2:00:43)**

MOTION: (2:03:15) Byron Stahly moved to approve the application by comity. Tom Pankratz seconded. The motion carried.

viii. Scott Bergherr, PEL-LS-APP-76216 **(2:05:09)**

MOTION: (2:06:23) Troy Jensen moved to approve the applicant to sit for the Montana state-specific land surveyor exam. Wally Gladstone seconded. The motion carried.

ix. Jack White, PEL-LS-APP-81233 **(1:23:48)**

MOTION: (1:24:53) Troy Jensen moved to approve the applicant to sit for the Montana state-specific land surveyor exam. Wally Gladstone seconded. The motion carried.

x. Willis Long, PEL-LS-APP-82718 **(0:16:26)**

MOTION: (0:31:31) Troy Jensen moved to approve the applicant to sit for the Montana state-specific land surveyor exam. Byron Stahly seconded. The motion carried.

xi. Jason Page, PEL-LS-APP-84467 **(2:07:22)**

MOTION: (2:08:48) Troy Jensen moved to approve the applicant to sit for the Montana state-specific land surveyor exam. Wally Gladstone seconded. The motion carried.

xii. John Harrington, PEL-PE-APP-84438 **(2:11:03)**

MOTION: (2:20:10) Tom Pankratz moved to table the application pending receipt of an NCEES evaluation of the applicant's education. Further, staff are directed to solicit an explanation of the method by which the license was issued in Washington, specifically the circumstances surrounding granting of a waiver for their FE exam requirement at the time the license was issued. Byron Stahly seconded. The motion carried.

xiii. Mitchell Lowery, PEL-LS-APP-74380 **(2:21:57)**

MOTION: (2:27:14) Troy Jensen moved to approve the applicant to sit for the Montana State Specific Land Surveyor exam. Wally Gladstone seconded. The motion carried.

b. **Non-routine Exam Applications**

i. David Sims, PEL-LS-APP-81464 **(0:33:33)**

MOTION: (0:35:18) Troy Jensen moved to approve to sit for the NCEES Principles and Practices of Land Surveying and, upon passage, to sit for the Montana state-specific land surveyor exam. Byron Stahly seconded. The motion carried.

ii. Ty Walker, PEL-LS-APP-84350 **(0:37:07)**

MOTION: (0:37:55) Troy Jensen moved to approve to sit for the NCEES Principles and Practices of Land Surveying exam and, upon passage, to sit for the Montana state-specific land surveyor exam. Tom Pankratz seconded. The motion carried.

iii. Kurt Tibbals, PEL-LS-APP-75775 **(0:40:27)**

MOTION: (0:42:45) Troy Jensen moved to table the application as incomplete for lack of qualifying education, specifically the requirement for 6 credits in drafting. Wally Gladstone seconded. The motion carried.

- iv. Nicholas Lawrence, PEL-PE-APP-79359 (1:04:12)

MOTION: (1:13:01) Tom Pankratz moved to table the application as it is incomplete. Byron Stahly seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

For:

Wally Gladstone
Pat Goodover
Troy Jensen
Tom Pankratz

Against:

Ron Drake
Byron Stahly

The motion carried 4-2.

- v. Logan Reeder, PEL-LS-APP-84845 (2:34:13)

MOTION: (2:35:19) Troy Jensen moved to approve the applicant to sit for the NCEES Principles and Practices of Land Surveying exam and upon passage to sit for the Montana state-specific land surveyor exam. Byron Stahly seconded. The motion carried.

- vi. Josiah Luster, PEL-LS-APP-84971 (1:16:05)

MOTION: (1:20:54) Troy Jensen moved to approve to sit for the Montana state-specific land surveyor exam. Wally Gladstone seconded. The motion carried.

c. **Non-routine Certificate Applications**

- i. Levi Stubblefield, PEL-LSI-APP-84445 (1:26:06)

MOTION: (1:27:21) Troy Jensen moved to approve to sit for the NCEES Fundamentals of Land Surveying exam. Wally Gladstone seconded. The motion carried.

d. **Discussion and Possible Action on Application Processing Policies (2:37:32)**

- Public Opportunity to Comment

No public was present to provide comment.

- Board Discussion & Potential Action

MOTION: (3:03:31) Pat Goodover moved to rescind the previous policy considering all land surveyor applicants non-routine. The following applicants would be considered routine:

- PLS exam and LSI applicants who have completed a board-approved education program or whose education clearly meets the board's curriculum requirements
- Comity applicants who clearly meet all requirements under MCA 37-67-313 and/or MCA 37-67-325

Troy Jensen seconded. The motion carried with Tom Pankratz voting against.

e. **Discussion on Sunset of "Experience-Only" Pathway to Land Surveyor Licenses (3:12:58)**

- Public Opportunity to Comment

No public was present to provide comment.

- Board Discussion & Potential Action

No action was taken.

f. **Discussion of Montana Land Surveyor Exam Administration Contract (3:15:56)**

- Public Opportunity to Comment

No public was present to provide comment.

- Board Discussion

No motion made. Board indicated to staff that exam is still necessary, and to proceed with content review and contracting process through subsequent meetings.

g. Meeting Planning (3:23:56)

- December 1, 2022—Screening, Adjudication, Full Board
- 2023 Meeting Schedule Discussion and Possible Action
 - Public Opportunity to Comment

No public was present to provide comment.

- Board Discussion and Action

5. Committee Reports (3:28:50)

- National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying Annual Meeting—Tom Pankratz, Ruhul Amin, Wally Gladstone, Sam Hunthausen

6. Correspondence (3:40:46)

- Joint Engineering Conference Invitation

7. Executive Officer Report—Sam Hunthausen (3:43:30)

- Budget Report
- 2022 Q2 Exam Report
- Educational Sessions on Red Tape Relief
- Division Updates
- MAR 24-183-45 Adoption and Implementation

8. Adjourn (3:57:46)

The chair declared the meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.